# **WILL SOON COST** MORE TO TRAVEL

Both Railroad Passenger and Freight Rates Likely to Be Increased 25 Per Cent

RECOMMENDATION MADE

McAdoo's Advisers Urge the Advance to Most the Higher Cost of Fuel. Wageo, Equipment and Operation

Washington, May 13.-Estimates made to-day by railroad administration officials indicate that an increase of at least 25 per cent. in freight and passenger rates will be necessary this year to meet the higher costs of fuel, wages, equipment and other operating expenses now set at between \$200.000,000 and \$750,000,000 more than last

Recommendation that rates be raised by approximately this percentage has made to Director General McAdoo by his advisers. He is expected to ac within the next six weeks and put in-creases into effect immediately. Shippers will be permitted to appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission under the ratiroad act and final deceion will be with President Wilson.

be the biggest in the history of the Amerthan any ever sought by the railways under private management and would apply alike to the entire country. Both class and commodity schedules would be

Ente experis of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the railroad adminis-tration now are at work on new sched-Any increases to be ordered will be arranged in a manner to preserve rate relationship between communities and redustries and commercial interests will be subject to the same degree of rate npetition as at present.

Passenger fares would be raised under the plan suggested to about three cents a mile from the existing general rate of a little less than two and one-half

The proposed increases, it is estimated would yield about \$900,000,000-\$700,000,000 in freight and \$200,000,000 in passenger revenues. This would leave a margin above the estimated increase in operating expenses eventually, but since the new rates would not go into effect until the year is half over, their yield would fall several hundred million dollars short of meeting the anticipated deficit this

Railroad administration officials estimate that the roads this year will spend between \$300,000,000 and \$350,000,000 more for wages than last year, between \$120,-000,000 and \$150,000,000 more for coal, and between \$180,000,000 and \$250,000,000 more for cars, locomotives, rails, ties, terminal facilities, barges for inland waterways, and other supplies and equipment. These figures may be lowered by later developments, but officials who have studied the situation closely are inclined to believe that they are more likely to prove

The estimate of increased wages is based on the probability that the director-general will approve a general scheme of higher pay for workmen in accordance with the railroad wage commission's recommendations which called for an addition of \$300,000,000 to the \$2,000,000,000 payroll of last year.

Although the question of the exact

prices the railroads are to pay for coal under government operation has not been settled, officials in charge of purchases are said to have decided that it will be necessary to pay at least 65 cents more a ton than under contracts now expiring Railroads' coal consumption amounts to about 175,000,000 tons a year.

It is contended that to raise passenger rates to 8 cents a mile will not reduce travel to any great extent and the director-general is opposed drastic steps to curtail passenger traffic.

Railroad reports for the first three months this year show that although operating revenues were six per cent. greater than last year operating expenses were 25 per cent. greater and net revenue from operations was only The director-general has it in his

power, acting as representative of the President, to put new rates into effect time without consulting the interstate commerce commission, or authority to change schedules if he administration, however, are insistent railroad new revenues and it is considered probable he will adopt the former course.

ments and extensions railroads making, the director-general to-day ordered companies to report what projects are under way or planned an whether adequate funds are available

## COMPENSATION ALLOWANCES

Commissioner R. W. Simonds Annous Several Decisions-None Is for Large Sum

Montpeller, May 18.-R. W. Simondi commissioner of industries, has announced the following decisions in which working men's compensation has been asked by petitioners: Clayton White vs. Fred S Mathewson, died from injuries De 8, 1917, while piling logs for the defendant, \$1.80 for 208 weeks; Guy C. Jones of Northfield vs. Northfield Granite company ruptured by a stone falling against him March 15, 1917, \$7.06 for 36 2-3 weeks, with the provision that if the operation recom mended is not successful he may apply

for further compensation. Elzina Delisle vs. Porter Screen pany, injured October 15, 1917, on left hand, a week for 27% weeks. Joseph Gero jured October 4, 1917, to one hand, \$5.85 fo weeks. Ewald A. A. Schneider vs. Green Mountain Pulp company injured July 13, 1917, petition for further com

Benny Cota vs. Green Mountain Pulp and, 86 for 26 weeks. Thomas J. Devine vs. Union Granite company, injured 1917, by stone falling on him, breaking e ankle, compensation from June 3 t October 27, 1917, \$115.50 was allowed, but laim for further compensation denied.

thumb injured, \$3 a week for 42 weeks V. Laffargo vs. Argus & Patriot company petition for further order not made, de endant has paid componsation sinc March 23, 1917, which is to continue Walter Munford vs. E. and T. Fairbanks Co., injury to shoulder, compensatio weeks. James Duffany vs American Realty company, petition

Ray B. Packard vs. the Caledonia com pany. Company has paid \$500 for total dis-ability to one log, injured January 29. In boro.

pay for loss of one-fourth the use of the leg at the rate of \$8.50 for 42 weeks.

John W. Valley vs. E. and T. Fairbanks

So. Do beek left and T. Fairbanks addition to the above sum defendant is to & Co., back injured January 7. The question was whether it was an accident or disease that caused the trouble. The commissioner found that the strain was due to accident, which resulted in forming an abscess back of the diaphragm and compensation for \$8.25 for 10 weeks was

## **VOTERS' RATIFICATION**

to Secure Election Legislators Representatives to Prohibition

Montpeller, May 10.-'The committee delegated to endeavor to secure the ratification of the prohibition constitutional amendment met this afternoon and evening here. The name decided upon is the Voters' Ratification, whose main object and representatives to endorse the ratifiention. It was voted the council shall be composed of a board of managers of committee composed of F. H. Brooks of St. Johnsbury, George Russell of Iras-burg, L. P. Wheeler of Windsor and A. F. Stone of St. Johnsbury were named to select the board of managers who presented their report, but the names will not be announced until persons

#### 35th CONVENTION

Washington County W. C. T. U. Has Annual Mostlag-Mrs. Denny President Montpeller, May 10 .- At the 37th annual povention of Washington county W. C. T. U. to-night the following officers were Prosident, Mrs. E. M. Donny of Montpeller; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. S. Richmond of Northfield and Mrs. Jennie McIntoch of Montpellor; treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Kellogg of Plainfield; Miss Martin Watson of Montpeller; auditor, Mrs. Ellen Colby of Montpeller Mrs. Minnie Fearson, State president, of

## BRISTOL BOY MISSING

William H. Iller. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hier, Was in Machine Gun Battalion

Bristol, May 13.-Mr. and Mrs. George Hier received a message this afternoon from the adjutant-general's department at Washington informing them that their son, William R. Hier, was reported missing in action. He was a member of Company B. 102nd Machine Gun Battalion.

## WIND CREATES HAVOC

In, and Chimneys and Tress Torn Down

Northfield, May 13.-A great deal damage was done here this afternoon by a terrific wind and rain storm which his the town about two o'clock. The chief Dr. William B. Mayo and occupied by the Northfield Trust company, the Daylight Bakery conducted by John J. Sawyer, the meat market of F. B. Hutchins, the Northfield Coal company and the Pearl theatre. The building is of one story, situated at the corner of Main and East streets. Principal damage to the owner of the building was in the roof, the wind tearing the entire roof over the Trust company, the bakery and Hutchins market and damaging it in places over the coal company and the theatre. Much damage was done the tenants by the water as the building were flooded once the roof was gone. Other damage was to the Odd Fellows' hall, where the roof

A plate glass window in the drug store of George C. Sanborn was blown in and an awning in front of the jewelry store of F. S. Dyke was torn to pieces. chimney on the tenement block of J. C. Donahue near the station was blown off and many shade and ornamental trees were blown down on various streets.

the square a huge tree was blown across the electric light wires, breaking many wires and causing a fire for a few minute until the power could be shut off, Very sion, as there was very little lightning seemed to come in sheets driven by

#### MUCH DAMAGE DONE, BY STORM AT MANCHESTER

Troy and Glens Falls Also Suffer from Wind and Lightning Manchester, May 10.-One house was

struck by lightning and much wind damage was done to trees and chimneys by a terrific thunder storm early this evening

Troy, N. Y., May 10 .- A severe electrica storm accompanied by a high wind swept over Troy shortly after five o'clock this afternoon and did considerable damage. Prees were uprooted, buildings unroofe and several places were struck by light ning. The light and power plant was put out of commission and street cars were stalled for more than an hour.

Glens Falls, N. Y., May 16 .- Mrs. Charles Duclos of South Glens Falls is suffering greatly of shock after having been blinded for an hour as a result of lightning which struck and badly damaged her home towind storms this vicinity has ever known felled and trolley companies and telo phone and electric light corporations were badly handicapped in their service.

## BRAKEMAN KILLED

George S. Angell Crushed to Death-Caught Between Stake and Car Bellows Falls, May 13.—George S. Angell brakeman on the B. & M. switcher in the local railroad yards was killed instantly this morning. He was with the switching crew and staked a car loaded with coal and was caught between the stake and the car and crushed to death a member of Company M. Vermont Volun-

#### SEIZE LIQUOR FROM EXPRESS CO. TEAM

teer Militia.

Middlebury, May 9.-Two packages each containing 12 quart bottles of liquor were selsed by Officer George Moore from the morning and taken to the office of State's Attorney Sturtevant. The packages were addressed to J. H. Burns. The consign ney pending an investigation.

## Four More Volunteer

Montpeller, May 14.-Four more me addition to M. H. Kelley of Barre. The are Isadore Larue of Newport. M. C. Sullivan and G. E. Hoag of Chittendep county and William J. Riley of Brattle-

# PORT OF OSTEND

Cruiser Vindictive Laden with Concrete Is Sunk at Mouth of Harbor During a Raid

CREW GETS AWAY SAFELY

lish Reports Declare Obstruction to U-Bont Base Is Effective

London, May 10,-The German subm arine base of Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been blocked as the result of a raid by British naval forces, the admiralty announced. The obsolete cruiser Vindictive, filled with concrete, h sunk across the entrance to the harbor.

"Operations designed to close the ports completed last night, when the obsolete plers and across the entrance to Ostene

"Since the attack on Zeebrucke on April crote and fitted as a block ship for this

"Our light forces have returned to their base with the loss of one motor was sunk by orders of the vice-admiral to prevent it from falling into the hands "Our casualties were light."

Berlin via London, May 10.-The British attempt to blockade the harbor of Octend was a failure, according to an official statement issued to-day. An old cruiser, entirely battered to pieces, lies navigation channel and the entrance to the harbor is quite free, the statement

The statement continues. The text three o'clock Friday murning

British naval forces, after a violent bom-bardment, again made a blockading attack on Ostend. Several enemy which under the protection of artificial fog tried to force their way into the harbor, but were driven off by the excellently directed fire of our coastal bat-

"An old cruiser, entirely battered pieces, lies aground before the harbor the navigation channel. The entrance to the harbor is quite free. the stranded vessel. Two survivors of captured, according to information so far received.
"At least two enemy motor boats were

damaged. The blockading attempt, therefore, has been completely folled. Once again the enemy has sacrificed human lives and vessels in vain."

lies at an angle not effectively blockthe channel at Ostend, but serving a very useful purpose, according to the press association. A partial and very serious blockade has been achieved and under the conditions of tide and silting prevailing this ob-struction certainly will tend to in-

Dover, May 10.—The Vindictive German shore batteries, She was navigated close in to the pier in fine style and sunk by an internal charge. The crew escaped in fast motor boats Only the number of officers and men absolutely necessary were on board the ship on account of the danger of her total loss. These, on signal swarmed up from the engine rooms and stoke holds and took their positions at stations appointed so as to slide quickly into the motor boats. The small boats were under heavy gun fire all the time while they were transferring the crew to waiting de

stroyers. e decision to send the Vindictive to Ostend was made a few days after her return from the Zeebrugge raid, and the task of filling her with concrete was begun immediately. As in the joint raid at Zeebrugge and Ostend. this latest exploit was kept a well guarded secret, and an evidence of which it is recalled that after the battle scaved cruiser returned from Zeebrugge an urgent request was made that she be taken up the Thames to London for public view. The officials did not encourage the idea and grad ually the agitation died down. All the time the vessel was being made ready for her last voyage.

If Ostend and Zeebrugge are removed s ports from which the German Uboats may be operated, the Germans apparently will be compelled to withports. In this conection it is interest ing to note that a week ago it was unnounced that the greatest mine field planted in the North sea to combat the submarines. It was officially stated that the area of this mine field would be 121,783 square miles and that it would be completed by May 14. Some nths ago, Admiral Jellicoe months ago, Admiral Jellicoe of the British navy, announced that the submarine menace would be met by August , and it is possible that he had the blocking of the harbors of Zeebrugge and Ostend and the laying of an immense mine field in mind when he made

#### DEFENDANT GETS VERDICT IN \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT

Brattleboro, May 10 .- A verdict for the defendant was rendered by the jury in county court at Newfane to-day in the suit for damages of \$10,000 brought by the estate or Mrs. Lens M. Rhodes of this town against Ansel J. Pierce, also of Brattle-boro. Mrs. Rhodes, who was the wife of John W. Rhodes, was knocked down and killed by the defendant's automobile. It was claimed by the plaintiff that Mr. Pierce was driving at excessive speed but the defense witnessed denied this and said that Mr. Rhods, after passing in front of

## **OFFERS 1,000 TRACTORS**

Henry Ford Will Sell Machines at Fac tory Price If They are Kept at Crop Production

Montpeller, May 10 .- Frank Hammill speaker of the House of Representatives of Rhode Island, D. W. Flint, a New England representative of the Ford trac-tors, and H. J. Flint, all of Providence R. I., had a conference this afternoon with Gov. H. P. Graham relative to his co-operation in an effort they are mak-Henry Ford has offered to sell to farmers in the New England States 1,000 farm tractors at the factory price. commissions, with the stipulation that they be used in crop pr

and that when the owner can not use it that he loan the same at a nominal figure to his neighbors. The object is to keep the tractor moving on crop production all the time. Mr. Hammill, following the conference, stated that he had Governor Graham's co-operation in the matter. They have seen Governor Mulliken of Maine and left here in the afternoon to see Governor Keyes of New noon to see Governor Keyes of New Hampshire.

#### KATHERINE STINSON AERIAL MAIL CLERK

Chicago, May 12.—Miss Katherine Stinson, aviator, was sworn in Satur-day as a postal clerk, and Monday morning will start for New York in her airplane, carrying specially ad-dressed letters for delivery in that

In connection with the flight word was received from Washington an-nouncing that a new stamp of the 24-cent denomination was to be issued for aviation mail. Although it is designed primarily to cover the cost of sending mail by the airplane route, it can also be used on other matter for which the charge amounts to that sum. The new stamp will carry the picture of an airplane. The border design will be red, and the airplane blue.

## 1,500 VERMONTERS IN NATIONAL ARMY

Does Not Include Self-Inductions Trainmen and Veterinarians Do Not Respond to Call

Montpeller, May 13.-Thus far only two men have offered to self-induct into the army in response to the call for 10 trainmen from Vermont. These are M. H. Kelley of Barre and a man from Nowport. There is also a call for three veterinarians and up to this noon no one had responded to the call. It is very probable that these three men will have to be grafted by the adjutant-general. When the call for the 599 men came to Vermont it was indicated that three colored registrants will be called from Vermont, so that a call is soon expected for these. Of the 2,354 alloted as Vermont's quota

of the 800,000 draftees, of which some papers have made considerable in the last few days, Vermont has already sent over 1,500, which does not include the selfinduction credits.

#### FELL FROM STAGING

C. II. Arms of Swanton Badly Injured in Backward Tumble

Albane, May 12.-C. H. Arms of Swanton was brought to the St. Albans yesterday afternoon suffering hospital from a fracture of the left njuries to the right knee and left ankle received when he fell from a staging packward. Mr. Arms was employed by Colomb, contractor and builder.

#### JURORS DRAWN FOR MAY TERM OF U. S. COURT

Rutland, May 10.-The office of the United States marshal in this city has summoned the following men to act as jurors at the May term of the United States district court, which opens at Windsor May 21 at nine o'clock in the morning

stone, John L. Berry of Hardwick, W. W. Blodgett, Walter Rodliff and Charles Salmon of St. Johnsbury, Nelson Coch-ran and J. F. Nelson of Ryegate, Wal-lace W. Terry of South Ryegate, E. C. Crosby and W. H. Richardson of Brattleboro, H. W. Demick of Derby, L. C. Dickerman of Royalton, Lewis W. English of Woodstock, Bliss Farrar of North Craftsbury, C. M. Gutterson and Roy Wallafe of Springfield, Oliver L. Henr and Wilbur Sykes of Windsor, J. M Lanou of Irasburg, Hosea S. Lund of Victory, Otis Sawyer of Sharon, S. M. Washburn of Bethel and John Williams of Danville.

boro, Arthur E. Allen of Felchville, Frank Ball, W. H. Jencks and H. P. Kidder of St. Johnsbury, D. A. Penson and R. E. Marsh of Newfane. E. C. Bolles of Bellows Falls, T. T. Brittan, Glenham and J. G. Stafford of Brattleboro, Harry Brown of South Ryegate, r'. W. Butter-field of Perkinsville, H. F. Coburn of Quechee, Raymond H. Cone, Orlin M Greeley and Henry Stone of Windsor A. M. Davis of Derby, Joel Flags of Guilford, Herbert F. Flint of Randolph Frank W. George of Wells River, Ellery H. Gray of Lyndon, Lyman F. Jenison of South Windham, George H. Knox o Groton, O. W. Locke of Orleans, Frank May and Harry Merrill of Barton Joseph W. Nickerson of Lyndonville A. J. Paquette of Hardwick, Fred O Raiph of Brookfield, Levi Robinson Westfield, Fred J. Spaulding of Concord, Frank Thornton of North Concord Woods of Woodstock.

## **NEW BOYS' DORMITORY**

nodate 40 More Boys at He for Feeble-Minded

Brandon, May 10.-Plans are drawn to remodel one of the barns at the State Home for Feeble-Minded 5 a boys' dormitory, which will be 22x42 feet boys. This has been made necessary by the crowded condition of the boys' depart-ment, which is now full, and there is room for only five more girls in that department of the institution. There are many applications for admission which cannot be granted on account of not having the accommodations. This arrangement for more room is made temporarily until such time as it may seem advisable to build new dormitories for which money has been appropriated. It is not known just when work will be commenced on the

## DANBY HOTEL OWNER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Edward Baker Moets Death by Over turning of Auto-Boy Injured Rutland, May 10 .- Edward Baker, aged

84. proprietor of the hotel at Danha killed last evening and Merie Ackert, aged eight, his wife's brother, was seri-ously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was overturned. They had been to Danby Four Corners and had to return to the village on an erback to the corners the machine w over a bank in the darkness, overturn and pinning both occupants beneat it. This happened about ten o'clock and not until midnight was Ackert's plight discovered. Baker was then dead and the boy said that he had not spoken since the accident. Baker leaves his wife and four young daughters.

### PRESTON BARN BURNS Much Hay Lost in Fire at Farm

Waltham Vergennes, May 10.—The hay and stock barn on the John Preston farm in Waltham was struck by lightning this morning and burned. The barn contained several tons of hay. A flock of sheep was in the barn and all but one of which were saved. The barn was the property of Prof. 8. J. Preston of White Plains, N. Y., and

was occupied by Pierre Otis, who rents the farm. The barn was insured. PREE PRESS WANT ADS PAY BEST.

# NOTABLE VICTORY FOR LLOYD GEORGE

Asquith's Motion to Investigate Gen. Maurice's Charges Rejected in Commons

**VOTE IS 298 TO 106** 

Premier Refutes Charges and Deplore Fact That Petty Controversign Exist During Present Crisis

London, May 8.—The Lloyd George ministry won a notable victory in the House of Commons to-day. By a vote of 293 to 106 the House voted down a motion introduced by former Premier Asquith providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate charges made by Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, recently relieved of his post of chief director of military operations

at the war office.

Stirred by the imminence of a cabinet crisis, the people of London crowded the public galleries long before the debate opened. The diplomatic and peers gal-

eries also were thronged. Immediately after the introduction of Mr. Asquith's motion the premier took the floor and spoke in defense of the General Maurice and declared that state ments made in his recent speech, to which Maurice's charges referred, were made on information received from General Maurice's department of the war office. that the extension of the British line was made because of pressure exerted by France and that the decision was

taken on the advice of the military authorities, in agreement with Field interfered in no way in the matter, although it approved of the dispositions. The premier declared such controver iles as the present one were distracting and paralyzing.

"I beg that they may come to an end," he added, "national unity and the army are threatened. The Germans are preparing the biggest blow of the war beg and implore that there shall be an end to this sniping."

When the premier left the House he was loudly cheered. In support of the motion he introduced Mr. Asquith made a speech concluding

with these words: "I suggest to the House that it is in the common interest of the government and of unhampered prosecution of the war to set up a tribunal of inquiry which from its constitution and power would be able to give prompt decisive and authoritative judgment. I hope that in regard to some of these matters there has been a genuine and honest misunder-

Sir Edmond Carson deprecated an inchoose between, prefer the latter. He beought the House to take stock of where they stood and ask themselves whether they were being of service to the country or the allies by a continuance of the

"If the prime minister and other ministers are not able to assert their own veracity and be believed in the House," he said. "There is no longer any possibility of carrying on the government."

## SEEK Y. M. C. A. WORKERS

Committee, A. C. Hurd and Byron Clark Address Conference

Montpeller, May 10 .- J. S. Penman of Boston, chairman of the New England war personal committee of the Y. M. A. C. Hurd and Byron Clark, recently returned from France, spoke at the Y. M. C. A. conference in the city council chambers of the city hall this evening following the war conference. Mr. Penman and Mr. Clark appealed to men from the reports, and experience in France. Mr. Clark said he did every thing from carrying wounded, giving out a drink of chocolate or handing out eigarette to digging graves. They want men of resourcefulness. Mr. Hurd urged the men of Vermont to get into the game for the State is behind its quota and any man who is outside the draft can be of service if he can be pried away from his work. Some 50 men attended the

## ACREAGE TO EXCEED 10.000

Wheat Area Allotted to Vermont Was 5,000-Campaign for Labor for Harvesting

Montpeller, May 10.—At the meeting of the Farmers' War Council here to-night reports showed that the wheat acreage will exceed 10,000 acres in Vermont. United States agricultural department's allotment to Vermont is 5,000 acres. matter of Ford tractors referred to in conference with the Governor was taken up. A carload of these tractors will arrive in Burlington any day now for distribution among farmers. A campaign for labor to help in haying and harvesting is to be conducted.

## ASSISTANT TO WILLIAMS

Charles F. Heath of Burlington Gets Appointment with Bank Commissioner Montpelier, May 10 .- Charles F. Heath of Burlington has been appointed by Frank C. Williams, State bank commission, as assistant to take the place of Mr. Lorimer, who is within the draft in Orleans county. Mr. Heath, if he accepts the offer, will commence his duties, it is understood, in a few days. Mr. Williams feels highly pleased at being able to secure a man of his ability at this time owing to there being so many men in war work and military service. He has beassistant to the treasurer in the Burling-

#### CHARGED WITH ROBBING CALAIS SUGAR HOUSES

Montpelier, May 10.—Henry Bailey of Calais was arrested to-night and lodged in jail, charged with larceny of maple sugar from different sugar houses in Calais. Several farmers have been m

Montpelier, May 14.—Permission given to-day by the secretary of state for change its name to Abner Freer Inc.

Firm Changes Name

Popleigh-House cleaning is not so Popleigh—Well, my wife has lent the baby to its grandmother for a whole week.—Boston Transcript.

GETS A FULL NIGHT'S REST.

## WAR ORATORS STIR UP ENTHUSIASM AT PATRIOTIC MEETING

Thousand or More People Listen to Inspiring Addresses on What the United States Is Doing in the Great Conflict and the duties of the People at Home—Arthur E. Bestor of Washington of Committee on Public Information, Major Rutledge Smith of Council of National Defense and Frederick C. Wolcott of New York City the Principal Speakers.

them without a Liberty bond in their pocket or some other evidence of aid to the government, would be looked upon by the soldier as a hiss and by-word for Montpelier, May 10.—The first of a series of patriotic meetings planned by the Vermont Public Safety Committee to be held this year took place this afternoon and evening in the city hall here. The generations to come. 1,000 people. Although many invitations sent to persons interested in wa work and who are members of different The Montpeller Military band furnished music during the afternoon entertainment and in the evening the Scotch High-landers' band of Barre played several elections. There was much enthusias during the speech making.

ARTHUR E. BESTOR. The first address of the session was by

Arthur E. Bestor, director speaking division, Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C., who said at the outset that the gathering was a citisen army from whom counsel might be re-ceived, and laid stress on the necessity of mobilizing and creating public opinion Conferences of this kind, with this end in riew, were being held all over the coun try, and a few words were spoken of the criticism of which he believed had arisen from a misunderstanding of its functions It had a record of achievement worthy of the highest meed of praise, for it had covered a broad field of work which cannot be expressed in the terms of organiza Its great purpose was to have machinery in action to keep the morale of the people at the right pitch, and the necessity for so doing was dwelt upon. The baleful influences of a Bolo Pasha in France were noted, and we hardly know what the great war means to us very different if a gun was trained on our capitol, or enemy guns bombarding our sea coasts. The war had not been brought right home to us as had been the case of our allies.

Public opinion and morale are great

factors with us and upon our leaders quiry either by two judges or a special of public opinion a great responsibility committee but would if compelled to rests. He believed that Germany made war upon us long before we accepted opinion, men and women who had come and English, that this was a war for al if we allowed the great democracies of the world to go down in ruin our turn would come next. It is perhaps too much April last year, but it is true that for weeks before that time the people who felt that the war was inevitable, who irged preparedness were these same men and women. In a war for which our intelligence is so largely responsible these leaders of public opinion must see to it that America keeps steadfast to her

We must rid ourselves of our heritage of laziness and mobilize every man and woman. Mr. Hoover is right when he says "Food will win the war." A voluntary re-organization of our domestic establishments is necessary for it is needed the struggle in Europe in the mere mat-

How far a policy of suppression should go he did not undertake to say. In war time, of course, it becomes necessary pie who are seditious must be put where much suppression may be necessary, along with it must go the positive tasl of educating the masses of the people part which they can play in it.

the view that the United States herself was menaced by the success of Germany. We came more and more to be-lieve the contention of the English and French that they were fighting the battle of civilization. It is impossible to conceive of a world under the domination of the ideals a victorious Germany would

It is this interpretation of the war

that should be spread on every corner of the country, in schoolhouses and churches, through labor unions and lodges, before industrial groups and commercial organizations. Let us adopt as the inspiration of our task a paraphrase of Lincoln's second inaugural ad-dress written in the midst of our greatest war up to that time, "Both parties deprecated war, but Germany would make and America would accept war rather than let it perish. And the war comes. Yet if God wills it that it continue until our wealth shall be sunk and all our blood be spilled as was said 3,000 years ago, so still it must be said 'the years' judgment of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.' With malice towards none, with charity for all, with see the right, let us strive on to finish we may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with

MAJOR RUTLEDGE SMITH. Representing the Council of National Defense, the second address was given by Major Rutledge Smith, who made a stirring appeal, with the hand of war spread over the land, to everybody to discharge their obligations to their country that they may continue in the enjoyment of the blessings of civilization. Those who are not at the front but are left behind have important duties and if they can't fight, they must work, otherwise the finger of scorn will be

Those at the front will watch the actions of those at home, and those with money who fail to put it at the service of the government will be held in disgrace. He pictured the return after the war of the 4,000,000 young men who went across, and said they not be made a football of by any party of men and when they come marching home those who stand about to welcome

He said this was a personal war and he described the conditions of Beigium and Russia, urging that our citizenship be kept keenly alive. We must produce, conserve. Do things and do them now. If Beigium had not for three days stopped the advancing Huns woe would have come. We are in the war and must not stop until success comes. It will require the sacrifice of blood and flesh

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and take years.

He made a very feeling reference to his two sons now with the colors in France, and read a short letter from one of them. He thanked God for having two boys to aid in the salvation of the country, and closed with an eloquent peroration of which service and sacrifice were the key

FREDERICK C. WOLCOTT.

The principal address of the evening was by Frederick C. Wolcott of New York city, who first conveyed a message from Mr. Hoover expressing the heartlest appreciation of what Vermont has done n food conservation. Mr. Wolcott then passed on to tell of his experiences and observations in Europe during the early years of the war, and dwelt specially on the conditions in Poland. He gave an ineresting account of his attempts to relieve the starving people and the action along this line by the several governments. which all came to naught finally by the action of the German government which mbarked on a policy of starvation to get the industrial people of Poland out of their own country and into Germany for conomic reasons.

He gave a most graphic description of military manoeuvres of the attack of the Germans on the Russian fronts. and the latter's forced retreat, after the destruction of a citadel, along three different roads. One hundred thousand men surrendered at the citadel and the defeat led to a splitting up along the three roads, one of which came under his personal observation. He had a glimpse of the southern road with refuge tered all along. Poland which is three-fourths agricultural and one-fourth industrial, suffered almost beyond descrip-tion in some sections, not a house stand-ing nor an animal to be seen in the fields. It was estimated that 1,000,000 had been made homeless and 400,000 had died. He saw thousands upon thousands of refugees suffering from various diseases, many dying along the roads, men with rent clothing, women carrying starving children, etc. His picture of the must have created the deepest impro as it was put before his auditors and he observed that it was doubly hard because the Polish people were naturally a high strung people and in this connection he named persons of that race who had

achieved world-wide reputation along var-The demand has been upon us. for France's strength, though not bled white, has been waning, and England though making many mistakes at first has now surpassed Germany in efficiency as the war has progressed. The line may bend here and there, it would be insane to think that it would not, but the only way to end the war is to kill as many Germans as possible. A great responsibility is on our shoulders for we must share our food. live simply and institute in our homes a new regime. All this will have a As General Wood said we must "hurry. hurry, hurry" and Pershing observed "we are here" as he stood before Lafayette's tomb. By a co-ordination work all must

unite and join together to save our country. Pathetic scenes of destruction were described among all classes, not mere destitution, but starvation of women and children, and nitiable indeed was it for him to see a country of 15,000,000 crushed

with no hope for the future. At this point the speaker observed that the German people do not look on these things as we do. He invited the attention of a German general to this sad plight of the Polish people only to be informed that this policy of starvation had been agreed upon, because of its effectiveness in driving industrial workers out of the country. The Prussian idea is that might is right, and they frankly believe it, or in anything or everything that will uphold the Germa

This Prussian system must be stopped added the speaker, and then he took up the matter of food riots in the different countries and how in the retreat of the Italians the bridges were packed by refugees. This led the speaker to a discussion of the food question in the of the various requests made from the allies. The whole thing is on our hands to keep the allies supplied with wheat, sugar, etc. Emergencies had frequently arisen and in every instance the reply of the United States had been, "We will send the wheat" and it was done, and from now on when a great emergency ccurs across the water you can rely of

the American people.

Mr. Wolcott spoke of the great work accomplished by the food administration. and the whole burden of responsibility is now on our shoulders. The setting of the price of wheat at \$2.20 was to the producers and at the same time the interests of the unskilled workmen had to be safeguarded. Sacrifice must be made by the well-to-do and the problem was being worked out most satisfactorily, figures being given as to wheat supply, etc., to justify the assertion.

Governor Graham presided at the eve-ning meeting. In introducing the first speaker he stated that when this contest is over it will be for all time, that right right.

The Rev. M. M. Watt gave a detailed story of trench life which was to with marked attention.

#### 38 Nurses Take Exams Montpeller, May 9 .- Thirty-eight

would-be-nurses took the examinations before Drs. Hawley and Gale Detroit, Mich., May 10.—The Detroit Alumni association of the U. V. M. held an enthusiastic meeting to-night with an address by Deen Perkins. of the board of registration the auccessor to Miss Katherine Crozier, re-signed, has not been named by Gover-

DETROIT ALUMNI OF U. V. M. HOLD MEETING